



**1123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the**  
**Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**  
7:30PM Wednesday November 25, 2009  
Building C, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California

**Turkey Coins!**  
*Everybody*

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Please join us November 25, 2009 for our regular meeting the day before Thanksgiving. As has become tradition, members are encouraged to bring "Turkeys" from your collection. We know you have them!

**1122<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Coins that Changed History. Stephen M. Huston (reviewed by Michael)**

Steve always brings an interesting perspective to our hobby. His October talk focused on coins that changed history. Many coins document history but few actually materially changed it. Through beautifully photographed coins Steve walked us through this history. Starting with the first simple Lydian coinage, which transformed the ancient economy from clumsy barter to more efficient trading through precious metals, we learned about these important historical sources. Although many believe that the coins of Alexander the Great transformed coinage itself by being the first to feature a depiction of an actual person rather than a deity, Steve showed us that this concept predated this megalomaniacal ruler. However, Alexander's coinage did indeed make history due to its wide distribution and was much copied for many years. Similarly, the Florentine gold florin and Venetian gold ducat coins were widely circulated for long periods of time and considered standards. As a result they were also widely imitated. The discovery of large reserves of silver in Northern Europe in the Middle Ages saw the introduction of the thaler coins. These and later the multiple thalers were much larger than anything previously seen on a regular basis and became platforms for fine art. Various noblemen often used them to illustrate their prowess but the coins themselves served as a significant store of wealth. Our own US silver dollar traces its lineage to these large silver coins. Another thought provoking presentation by one of our senior members made this a meeting that was both fun and educational. Thanks Steve!



### **October 2009 Exhibits**

Catz brought a crown sized silver coin from Mongolia picturing a dramatic wolverine with a design going all the way to the edge of the coin. He also brought a 2007 Stift Mark from Austria.

Stephen distributed Halloween notes that he printed to the members with two motifs. It featured red seal from a 1921 White Russian ruble featuring bats and a Chinese city bank issue from the early 20's with pumpkins.

Mark brought an error note from Mexico with an unusual printing and cutting error. He also brought some POW camp money from Poland and Germany and an uncirculated Alsace piece.

Ken brought two bronze opium weights from Burma from the 1870s. He procured them from the Asian Art Museum gift shop in San Francisco. They may still be available.

Whalen showed his 1878 proof set that he has just completed in silver.

Michael brought a pioneer pattern \$2.50 piece in copper, the San Francisco, State of California issue. It was probably made by a Birmingham, England diesinker hoping to capture a piece of the California Pioneer gold private coinage market.

### **October 2009 RAFFLE**

Whalen won a Krause catalog of World Coins, 2001-present.

Ed won an ANA three medal set from the convention in Kansas City and a 1976 proof Kennedy half dollar.

Catz won a bronze Bicentennial 1973 medal as well as a selection of uncirculated foreign notes.

### **Old Mint Coin Show.**

Thanks to all who helped promote the PCNS at the recent coin show at the Old Mint in San Francisco. A few new members were signed up as well as medal sets and Jerry's SF token book sold. Many membership applications were distributed and a lot of information about our club given out. Hopefully some of that will result in yet more new members! A special thanks to Scott Griffin, the show promoter for offering us a prime table next to the registration at no cost. Rumor has it that the show was successful enough to repeat in the future.

Also, both Michael and Federico appreciated the opportunity to speak on Saturday at the show. Both of us had sizable audiences and were gratified by the attendance.

### **New Members!**

Please welcome to the Society the following new members:

David Somers of San Francisco (recommended by Jerry)  
Lew Robinson of San Francisco (returning to the PCNS)  
Bill Hyder of Santa Cruz (one of our speakers this year)





## **Lori Reppeteau**

Lori Reppeteau, a member of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society since 1978, and a past President, died October 13, 2009.

Born A. Lorine Pattie in Roanoke, Virginia, on July 13, 1928, Lori came to San Francisco with her family by way of Sidney, Nebraska, where she had graduated high school.

In San Francisco, Lori worked in the offices of the Southern Pacific Railroad for several years. It was there that she met Larry V. Reppeteau. They were married several months later, in the Spring of 1956, and Lori was introduced to the ways of numismatics.

Lori developed an interest in Canadian numismatics after Larry gave her a Canadian 20-cent piece. She studied the books as well as the coins, and attending coin shows soon became a family tradition.

When PCNS hosted the CSNA Convention at San Francisco in 1978, Lori joined both organizations and became a regular volunteer at CSNA conventions. While attending the CSNA convention in Anaheim the next year, Lori began exhibiting items from her collection. She took home numerous exhibit awards in the following years.

Lori's numismatic interests included British Merchant Tokens as well as Canada, but she also collected a wide range of other items — from African violets to materials relating to Mary, Queen of Scots. She frequently brought pieces from her numismatic collections to display and discuss at PCNS meetings.

Lori served two terms as President of PCNS in the 1980s, and she remained active until health problems restricted her travel in recent years.

Lori is survived by her husband of 53 years, Larry, who is a PCNS Fellow and past President. Larry now resides in San Jose.